Drug Racket Busted by NCB

3101. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India dated the 4th August, 1987 wherein it has been stated that a nation-wide racket busted by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and West Bengal police;

(b) if so, estimated value of drugs seized;

(c) the number of persons arrested;

(d) whether any action have been taken by Government against the culprits; and

(e) the number of rackets busted by the Government during the last six months in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (e) In a recent country-wide operation, 369 kgs. of methaqualone powder and 672 kgs. of the drug in tablet form were seized and 19 persons arrested and remanded to judicial custody.

No precise value of the drugs seized can be estimated as this is dependent upon various factors like purity of the drug, local demand and supply, etc.

Further investigations are in progress, on completion of which appropriate action under the law will be taken against the persons arrested.

During the last 7 months, there have been 647 cases of seizures of different types of drugs.

Heroin seized at Chandigarh Border

3102. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India dated the 3rd August, 1987 wherein it has been stated that heroin worth Rs. one crore seized at Chandigarh border;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(c) the number of persons arrested; and

(d) the action taken by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (d) On 2-8-1987, 20 kgs. of brownish powder, suspected to be heroin, were recovered in Machhiwara (District Ferozepur). No precise value of the drug can be stated as this is dependent upon various factors like purity of the drug, place of origin, etc. Two persons were arrested and placed in judicial custody. Investigations are in progress.

Heroin seized in Delhi

3103. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 7th June, 1987 wherein it has been stated that 9.2 kg. of Heroin worth Rs. 10 crores has been seized in West Delhi;